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**Filing Date** : Enclosed Herewith  
**For** : A DRAINAGE PIPE COVERING KIT FOR USE DURING BUILDING OR FLOOR CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the computation of the filing fee, kindly amend the accompanying newly-filed patent application (identified above, and being filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C Section 371) as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS :**

Please cancel claims 17 through 19 without prejudice and amend claims 6-8,11-12 and 15 as follows:

6. (Amended) An accessory as claimed in claim 1, in which the removeable closure is connected to the inlet end portion by a zone of weakness to facilitate separation of the closure from the inlet end portion.